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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

My name is Ray Kurpis. I am an area salesmanager with a company you may have heard of, Dryden Oil, who's corporate headquarters is in Baltimore. I am a former pro hockey player, who grew up in Chicago, and now live in Orlando, with my wife Sue. I am thirty-eight years old, and remember the weekend of November 22,1963.

Approximately three years ago, while flipping channels on the TV, I came across a documentary on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. I sat mesmerized for the next hour and could not believe what I was hearing. A few days latter I rented the movie JFK, and watched in similar amazement. At that point I decided to find out just how much of that movie was based on fact, and what type of liberties and artistic license, was built into it. On Saturday the following weekend I bought two books at the mall, and by Monday night had read them both. I was hooked.

I have always been intrigued by a mystery, but this is one I've lived thru, is real, and I find appalling.

I read every book that was available in bookstores. I compiled a list of recommended reading, and went to the local library for help. They we able to obtain a great number of these thru inter-library pool, and mail them to my house. They began showing up at my house faster than I could read them.

Periodically I travel to Baltimore for meetings, training, etc. The last two times I've gone up, I have taken an additional day, and traveled to Washington to visit the Assassination Archives and Research Center and National Archives. The first time I did this was approximately a year ago and happened to be the week that they released the last batch of CIA material. I was able to look through box 27+28 of Oswald's 201 file. May seem elementary to you, but for me was quite a thrill.

Last November my wife and I traveled to Dallas for the thirty year anniversary and were there for the dedication of the plaza and some other events. I met Jean Hill, Beverly Oliver, Dr. Cyril Wecht, some authors and people I've seen on films etc. I was in the Book Depository, Texas theater, and visited all the key sites.

I have recently finished your Case Open; I thought Posner took a beating in Dallas but you may have done better.

The reason I'm writing is this- I have to be in Baltimore 7/18, 7/19. I would consider it an honor and thrill to get to meet you. You mentioned in Case Open that Gerald Posner came to your home and looked through your files. While I have no aspirations of writing, and do not consider my self a researcher, I guess I'm a student of the subject, and who better to learn from than you. I don't mean to be overly assertive, however I am in sales and know you must be able to ask for the order. If you would be willing to see me I would be perfectly happy to sit and talk, view some of your files, etc., for whatever time period you would allow me.

Saturday 7/16 or Sunday 7/17 would be the days I would be available should you have time and agree to see me. When I've been to the ARC in Washington, Jim Lesar and Jonathan are always busy and don't have much time to discuss the case. It would be a thrill to spend whatever amount of time you have available, discussing your lifelong efforts.

I have enclosed a list of books, films, places and people, to illustrate that I have put some time and effort into my studying of this subject.

Again, I do not mean to impose, if you do not do such a thing, or don't feel up to it, or whatever, please say so. I sent this letter registered only so I would know if you received it.

If you will see me, my home phone number is 407-855-3003. Please call collect and let me know one way or the other, as I must make my plane reservations soon.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Hopefully I will have an opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Kurpis

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BOOKS

Accessories After The Fact/ Sylvia Meagher
Act of Treason/ Mark North
Appointment In Dallas/ Hugh C. McDonald
Best Evidence/ David Lifton
Case Open/ Harold Weisberg
Coincidence or Conspiracy/ Bernard Fensterwald
Conspiracy/ Anthony Summers
Contract on America/ David E. Scheim
Counterplot/ Edward Jay Epstein
Coup D'Etat/ Alan Weberman-Michael Canfield
Cover-Up/ J. Gary Shaw
Crime and Cover-up/ Peter Dale Scott
Crossfire-The Plot That Killed Kennedy/ Jim Marrs
Destiny Betrayed/ James DiEugenio
Four Days / UPI and American Heritage Magazine
High Treason/ Livingstone-Grooden
High Treason 2/Harrison Edward Livingstone
Inquest/Edward Jay Epstein
JFK Assassination File:Dallas Police Chief Jessie Curry's File
JFK The Last Dissenting Witness/ Sloan-Hill
JFK-Conspiracy of Silence/ Charles A. Crenshaw
Killing The Truth/Harrison Edward Livingstone
Legend/ Edward Jay Epstein
Mafia Kingfish/ John H. Davis
Mortal Error/ Bonar Menninger
On The Trail of The Assassins/ Jim Garrison
Oswald In New Orleans-Case of Conspiracy With The CIA/Weisberg
Photographic Whitewash/ Harold Weisberg
Plausable Denial/ Mark Lane
Reasonable Doubt/ Henry Hurt
Rush To Judgement/ Mark Lane
Six Seconds In Dallas/ Joshiah Thompson
The Man On The Grassy Knoll/ John R. Craig-Philip A. Rogers
The Kennedy Contract/ John H. Davis
The Killing of a President/ Robert Grooden
The Last Investigation/ Gaton Fonzi
The Man Who Knew Too Much/ Dick Russell
The Ruby Cover-up/ Seth Kantor
The JFK Assassination-The Facts and the Theories
The Texas Connection/ Craig I. Zirbel
When They Killed a President/ Roger Craig
Whitewash II/ Harold Weisberg
Whitewash/ Harold Weisberg
Who's Who in the JFK Assassination/ Michael Benson

FILMS

Beyond JFK-The Question of Conspiracy
Declassified- The Plot to Kill Kennedy
JFK Assassination-the Jim Garrison Tapes
JFK
Reasonable Doubt-The Single Bullet Theory
The Assassination of JFK-Best Evidence
The JFK Conspiracy
The Men Who Killed Kennedy;
- The Patsy
- The Witnesses
- The Cover-up
- The Forces of Darkness
- The Coup D'etat

The Plot to Kill JFK-Rush to Judgement
Time Machine: The Cuban Missile Crisis
Two Men In Dallas
Who Didn't Kill JFK

PLACES

Dealey Plaza
Oswald's roomming house
The Texas Theatre
The Assassination Information Center
The Texas School Book Depository/ The Sixth Story
The National Archives
The Assassination Archives and Research Center

PEOPLE

Beverley Oliver
Dr. Cyril Wecht
Ed Hoffman
Gaton Fonzie
James DiEugenio
Jean Hill
Jim Marrs
Jim Lesar
Johnathan Myers
Larry Harris
W. Scott Malone

ADDITIONAL MISC. PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Harvey Oswald, The CIA, And Mexico/ The House Select Committee on Assassinations' Report
Case Closed/ U.S.News And World Report
The JFK Cover-up/ Newsweek
Four Dark Days In History/
JFK Today
Kennedy Chronicle

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